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SUBJECT: OUTLINE OF NATO EXPERT WORKING GROUP REPORT ON
SOVIET UNION AND EASTERN EUROPE

REF: NATO 7265

1. CHAIRMAN OF THE EXPERT GROUP HAS CIRCULATED THE FOLLOW-
ING SUGGESTED OUTLINE FOR THE EXPERTS REPORT ON THE SOVIET
UNION AND EASTERN EUROPE, WHICH EXPERTS WILL PREPARE AT A
NATO MEETING SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER 15 THROUGH 18, 1977.
THE CHAIRMAN ASKED THAT POINTS SUGGESTED FOR THE MAIN
HEADINGS OF THE REPORT BE DEALT WITH IN NATIONAL CONTRIBU-
TIONS SUBMITTED IN ADVANCE, AND THAT SUCH CONTRIBUTIONS
REACH NATO BY OCTOBER 31. THE US CONTRIBUTION SHOULD
ACCORDINGLY BE POUCHED, IF POSSIBLE, NO LATER THAN 10 DAYS
IN ADVANCE OF THAT DATE.

2. PARA 2 OF MEMORANDUM REFERS TO THE POSSIBILITY (REFTEL)
THAT EXPERTS MAY BE CALLED UPON TO COMMENT ON EAST-WEST
STUDY.

3. BEGIN TEXT OF OUTLINE:

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ORIGINAL: FRENCH

5TH AUGUST, 1977 POLADS (77)30

- MEMORANDUM

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TO: POLITICAL COMMITTEE

FROM: CHAIRMAN OF THE EXPERT GROUP

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EXPERT WORKING GROUP ON THE SOVIET UNION AND EASTERN EUROPE

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ATTACHED IS A SUGGESTED OUTLINE FOR THE REPORT ON THE SITUATION IN THE SOVIET UNION AND EASTERN EUROPE TO BE PREPARED BY THE EXPERTS AT THEIR NEXT MEETING IN BRUSSELS, FROM TUESDAY, 15TH, TO FRIDAY, 18TH NOVEMBER, 1977.

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2. THERE IS A POSSIBILITY THAT THIS SUGGESTED OUTLINE MAY BE AMENDED BEFORE THE NEXT MEETING, THE REASON BEING THAT THE EXPERTS MAY BE REQUESTED BY THE COUNCIL TO ASSIST IT IN THE STUDY PROVIDED FOR IN DOCUMENT C-M(77)49.

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3. THIS OUTLINE CONTAINS THE MAIN HEADINGS UNDER WHICH IT IS SUGGESTED THE REPORT BE PREPARED. SHOULD ANY EXPERT WISH TO SUBMIT A MORE DETAILED REPORT ON A SPECIFIC POINT RELATING TO THE AREA, WHETHER OR NOT IT IS INCLUDED IN THE SUGGESTED OUTLINE ATTACHED AT ANNEX, IT WOULD BE ADVISABLE FOR HIM, IN ORDER TO AVOID THE RISK OF DUPLICATION, TO INFORM THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, SO THAT IT CAN INFORM THE OTHER PARTICIPANTS ACCORDINGLY.

4. THE EXPERTS HAVE URGED THAT AS MUCH TIME AS POSSIBLE SHOULD BE GIVEN TO THE GENERAL DISCUSSION. TO THIS END, IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT NATIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS SHOULD REACH THE CAPITALS WELL BEFORE THE EXPERTS LEAVE FOR NATO. CONTRIBUTIONS SHOULD THEREFORE REACH NATO BY 31ST OCTOBER, 1977 SO
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THAT THEY CAN BE CIRCULATED IN GOOD TIME. THE REPORTS SHOULD BE TYPED DOUBLE SPACING, RECTO ONLY, BE PREFACED BY A SHORT TABLE OF CONTENTS AND PAGES AND PARAGRAPHS SHOULD BE NUMBERED. IT WOULD BE APPRECIATED IF 60 COPIES OF THESE DOCUMENTS COULD BE ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF NATO (FOR THE ATTENTION OF MR. M.J. JORDAN, EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT).

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5. UNDER THE TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR EXPERTS' MEETINGS, AS AGREED BY THE COUNCIL ON 4TH OCTOBER, 1961, THE REPORT IS TO BE DRAFTED BY THE EXPERTS THEMSELVES; IT SHOULD BE NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT CONCLUSIONS AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS CONTAINED IN THE REPORT NEED NOT BE ACCEPTED UNANIMOUSLY, ON THE UNDERSTANDING THAT DISSENTIENT VIEWS SHOULD ALSO BE RECORDED, IF THE DISSENTING PARTY SO WISHES. THE REPORTS WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THE COUNCIL IN PERMANENT SESSION IMMEDIATELY ON COMPLETION. THE COUNCIL WILL TAKE NOTE OF THEM AND, IF IT SEES FIT, WILL SUBMIT THEM UNCHANGED, IN WHOLE OR IN PART, TO THE NEXT MEETING OF MINISTERS. THESE REPORTS DO NOT, OF COURSE, COMMIT GOVERNMENTS ON MATTERS OF POLICY.

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6. EXPERTS MAY WISH TO CONSULT THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENT
PRIOR TO THE MEETING: C-M(77)25 DATED 19TH APRIL, 1977.

- (SIGNED) J. DE BEAUSSE

ANNEX TO POLADS(77)30

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SUGGESTED OUTLINE FOR THE EXPERTS REPORT ON THE SOVIET
UNION AND EASTERN EUROPE

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I. SOVIET UNION - INTERNAL SITUATION

A. POLITICAL

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LEADERSHIP; POLITICAL POWER AND PHYSICAL VULNERABILITY OF
MR. BREZHNEV; POSSIBLE COMPETITION BETWEEN
POTENTIAL SUCCESSORS.

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-NEW CONSTITUTION: CONTENTS AND POLITICAL SIGNIFICANCE;

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-PROBLEM OF PUBLIC FREEDOMS: DISSENSIONS; RELIGIOUS
MATTERS; EMIGRATION TRENDS.

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-DEMOGRAPHIC SITUATION AND PROBLEM OF NATIONALITIES.

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B. ECONOMIC:

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-ECONOMIC POLICY GOALS

-MR. BREZHNEV'S AGRICULTURAL POLICY.

-POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS, INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL, OF THE
ALLOCATION OF RESOURCES.

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II. SOVIET UNION - EXTERNAL POLICY

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A. IDEOLOGICAL COOPERATION AND INTER-PARTY RELATIONS.

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B. EAST-WEST RELATIONS

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-RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA

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-RELATIONS WITH THE WEST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES.

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C. SOVIET POLICY IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

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D. SOVIET POLICY IN AFRICA:

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-REVERSAL OF ALLIANCES IN THE HORN OF AFRICA

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-SOVIET STRATEGY IN SOUTHERN AFRICA.

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E. SOVIET POLICY IN ASIA:

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-RELATIONS WITH CHINA

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-RELATIONS WITH JAPAN

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-RELATIONS BETWEEN THE SOVIET UNION AND THE NEW GOVERNMENTS
OF THE INDIAN SUB-CONTINENT.

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III. SITUATION IN EASTERN EUROPE

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A. PROBLEM OF DISSIDENTS

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B. SITUATION IN POLAND AND ITS REPERCUSSIONS ON POLISH-
SOVIET RELATIONS.

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C. SITUATION IN THE BALKANS (YUGOSLAVIA, RUMANIA AND
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